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TAGS: PFOR

SUBJECT: FCO INITIAL COMMENT ON TEXT OF NIXON/ BREZHNEV  
COMMUNIQUE

REF: STATE 123426

1. WE PASSED A COPY OF THE COMMUNIQUE TO HEAD OF THE SOVIET/ EASTERN EUROPEAN DEPT OF THE FCO MORNING OF 25 JUNE. FCO WAS VERY GRATEFUL FOR ADVANCE COPY AND COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON MOST ASPECTS. ONLY IMMEDIATE CRITICAL COMMENT REGARDED PARAGRAPH ONE " PRINCIPLES OF RELATIONS AGREEMENT" OF MAY 29, 1972 WHICH INDICATES ONLY THAT BRITISH APPROACH TO THAT INITIAL AGREEMENT HAS NOT CHANGED.

2. AGREEMENT ON PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR WAS WELCOMED AND AT SAME TIME RECOGNIZED MAINLY AS A STATEMENT OF INTENTION. STATEMENT ON MIDDLE EAST WAS RECOGNIZED AS NEUTRAL STATEMENT REFLECTING DISAGREEMENT BUT CONCERN FOR AREA. BRITISH PARTICULARLY NOTED OMISSION OF 242 RESOLUTION FROM DOCUMENT AND SHOWED INTEREST IN MENTION OF " PALESTINIAN PEOPLES" IN PLURAL AT THE END OF THAT SECTION. BRITISH WERE PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH POSITIVE STATEMENT ON DATE FOR MBFR WITH NO APPARENT CONCESSIONS

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ON CSCE. GENERALLY COMMENT WAS THAT THIS WAS VERY WELL  
DRAFTED DOCUMENT AND INITIAL REACTION WAS THAT BRITISH  
SAW IT AS POSITIVE STATEMENT WITH WHICH THEY HAD NO  
PARTICULAR PROBLEM.

3. FCO INDICATED INTEREST IN BREZHNEV STATE OF HEALTH  
ATTITUDE AND IMPRESSION HE MADE DURING VISIT.

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